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By Executive Order, the President has Desingated December 24, 2001, a Federal Holiday.

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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago and New York, prices were unchanged. Prices in the South were higher on medium but unchanged on the remainder of sizes. Elsewhere, prices were higher on all eggs. The market tone was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand was light to good and was best where holiday features were either planned or in progress for this week. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to burdensome for the light to occasionally moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for current slaughter requirements.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher on medium and unchanged to .5 cent higher on the balance. In Boston prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on larger sizes and unchanged on medium. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand ranged light to moderate, best for feature activity. Supplies were generally adequate for needs. Breaking stock supplies were ample to burdensome for the light demand. Light type fowl were mostly adequate for the fair demand.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were up 1 cent for large and 4 cents for medium. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were mixed, usually fully adequate to instances close. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light to occasionally moderate as breakers work from regular commitments and company owned production. Offerings from regular sources were at least fully adequate with spot offerings fully adequate to ample. Floor stocks in good balance with production requirements as most breakers tried to keep them as low as possible going into the holiday weekend. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to barely steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to firm. Retail and food service demand continued light to moderate, instances good. Best movement noted on features that are planned or in progress. Supplies closely balanced to barely adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on medium but unchanged on the balance. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady entering the week. Demand was light to moderate and was best where holiday features were either planned or in progress for this week. Supplies were adequate for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending December 14, 2001 was 60.98 cents, unchanged from the previous week, but 24.15 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings were ample to burdensome for the light demand. Light type hens were adequate for the fair demand.

WESTERN Prices throughout the region 1 cent higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 7% lower than last Monday with California down 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 14%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings in close balance.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes entering the week. The market tone was fully steady. Demand was light to moderate, better where promotional holiday activity was either planned or in progress. Supplies were sufficient for current requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA		
	LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	100-102	92-94	69-71
New York	69-71	66-69	49-52
Philadelphia	66.5-69	64.5-67	47-49
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	57-58	55.5-57	40-41
Jackson (1)	65-66	64-65	49-50
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	62-72	61-71	45-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	57-62	56-61	40-45
Detroit (2)	54-57	53-56	36-39
Major Ohio Cities (2)	55-61	54-59	37-43
Major Wisconsin Cities	58-65	56-63	40-47
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	72-75	68-71	52-55
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	94	88	73
(1) - Prices reported weekly (2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 1 cent higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings in close balance. Small invoice price 53. Ads in Northern California: major - large dozen 79, 18 pack 199.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE	
JUMBO	96
EXTRA LARGE	94
LARGE	88
MEDIUM	73
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE	
JUMBO	239-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-269
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	179-199
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE	
JUMBO	239-279
EXTRA LARGE	209-249
LARGE	189-249
MEDIUM	175-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 21, 2001 will increase by 12 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 14, 2001 were 336,727 cases which was 15 percent above the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	298,511	38,216	336,727

% change from the prior week.....	+12	+34	+15

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Demand was mostly light to occasionally moderate as breakers work from regular commitments and company owned production. Most breakers were attempting to keep floor stocks as low as possible going into the upcoming holiday weeks. Offerings from regular sources were at least fully adequate with spot offerings fully adequate to ample. Floor stocks in good balance with production requirements. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to barely steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	28-31	28-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-17	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were higher on spent heavy hens when compared to the past week. Demand was good for adequate supplies of raw materials. Processing schedules were full with finished product supplies adequate. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-DEC-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.25-12 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9.25	9.26
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate. Offerings were mostly adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Canner supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The market tone was at least steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-DEC-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.65
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM DEC 17, 2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.6	18.2	10.0	13.4	67.2
	Change	-1.6	3.3	0.8	-0.6	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.0	35.9	16.4	23.8	131.7
	Change	-3.4	-11.4	-1.4	0.0	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	33.4	115.9	87.9	104.2	449.1
	Change	-15.4	-11.6	-2.5	-10.2	-11%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.7	32.3	19.1	23.2	112.7
	Change	-1.0	-3.0	-1.1	0.7	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	4.1	9.9	4.9	4.7	27.0
	Change	-1.3	-2.3	1.6	1.0	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	21.8	8.9	13.3	54.5
	Change	1.0	0.1	1.6	-3.7	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.0	39.7	33.3	20.4	148.8
	Change	-8.8	-4.1	-2.0	-2.6	-11%
Total	Curr Wk	112.3	273.7	180.5	203.0	991.0
Percent	Change	-21%	-10%	-2%	-7%	-9%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	991.0	-9%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	252.9	-6%	38

Total Shell Egg 1243.9 -8% 207
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 03, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	183.8	179.8	169.8	113.6
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING DECEMBER 03, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 14, 2001

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
9.25								2.75								12.00							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	41.00	—	—	43.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	57.00	1.00						
GL W XL	—	—	49.00	50.00	47.00	—	4.75	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55.00	2.00						
GL W LG	—	—	47.00	49.00	45.50	—	3.00																
GL W MD	—	—	30.00	32.00	—	—	1.00																
GL W SM	—	—	24.00	25.50	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	—	.50																
NRBS - 39	—	—	17.33	18.67	—	—	.75																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/10/01-12/14/01

CURRENT LOADS				86.25				FUTURE LOADS				62.00				TOTAL LOADS				148.25							
SE				NE				MW				LOADS				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS									
GNR W 1	40.20	42.35	41.00	42.63	—	37.89	53.00	GNR W 1	41.00	41.20	—	—	—	—	—	2.50											
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	33.13	32.00	4.00	GNR W 2	37.00	38.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00											
GNR W 3	—	33.00	26.42	—	28.00	—	8.00	GNR W 3	—	32.54	—	—	—	—	—	7.00											
GNR W 4	—	—	23.00	24.75	23.00	25.10	7.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	61.60	1.25												
GL W J	—	—	—	—	48.50	—	1.25	GL W XL	49.00	50.60	—	—	—	57.71	9.25												
GL W XL	45.25	48.39	48.29	50.98	47.72	—	32.50	GL W LG	—	52.00	—	—	—	56.04	7.25												
GL W LG	—	47.75	45.67	49.20	46.81	—	22.50	GL W MD	31.50	33.81	—	—	—	36.00	8.25												
GL W MD	—	32.08	31.09	32.00	28.38	35.00	18.00	GL W SM	—	26.00	—	—	—	—	.50												
GL W SM	25.75	27.13	24.00	25.50	—	—	4.50	NRBS - 45	19.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00												
NRBS - 48	24.00	—	28.60	29.33	28.40	31.31	35.50	NRBS - 36	—	22.00	—	—	—	—	1.00												
NRBS - 45	—	—	23.00	—	25.75	26.17	6.00																				
NRBS - 39	—	—	17.33	18.67	—	19.50	14.75																				
NRBS - 36	—	—	8.00	—	16.00	12.00	2.00																				

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 12/02/01 - 12/08/01

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	64	64
Colorado	0	0	6,193	6,193
Georgia	0	0	1,117	1,117
Iowa	7,118	0	30,923	38,041
Maine	0	0	715	715
Michigan	0	0	3,222	3,222
Minnesota	0	0	6,615	6,615
Missouri	0	0	3,060	3,060
Montana	0	0	762	762
New Hampshire	0	0	960	960
Ohio	0	1,180	4,770	5,950
Oregon	3,198	595	0	3,793
Utah	1,680	3,967	6,154	11,801
Wisconsin	0	0	2,170	2,170
TOTAL	11,996	5,742	66,725	84,463
SHIPPED TO MILITA	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMI	11,996	5,742	66,725	84,463

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
120-123	81-84	73-76	50-53	23-26

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
62-65	53-59	51-56	34-39	25-29

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
34-37	18-22	7-10

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 12/2/01-12/8/01
30-dozen cases 7,512
Receipts from the mainland: 11/25/01-12/1/01
30-dozen cases 6,075

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
72.27	71.27	53.50	44.51

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	12/10/01	12/03/01	12/11/00
PACIFIC COAST	222	242	113
LOS ANGELES	171	188	82

U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS AS OF NOV 30, 2001 COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	1,300,114	15	42
FREE FLOWING	1,139,344	-5	-27
BLEND	688,540	-11	-37
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	8,834,042	-2	-8
BLEND	288,200	77	198
YOLK			
PLAIN	733,144	9	-41
BLEND	36,600	-77	88
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	888,647	4	-30
TOTAL	13,908,631	0	-12

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:

NOVEMBER 4, 2001 - DECEMBER 1, 2001

TOTAL 9,841,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

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